The AALL Awards Committee selects recipients for three awards: Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award; Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award and Hall of Fame Award. These awards recognize, support, and honor individuals and institutions who exemplify the Association's core values as outlined in the 2013-2016 Strategic Directions and the goals of leadership, education, and advocacy.

This year the Association adopted award juries to administer several Association awards. Under this new structure, four awards the committee formerly administered transferred to new, annually appointed juries: Chapter Professional Development, Innovations in Technology, Law Library Publications, and Volunteer Service. The committee chair and vice-chair contacted the jury chairs for these four awards to share information and provide guidance during this time of transition. In addition, the chair worked with Kim Rundle to update the Awards Procedures and Deadlines information available on AALLNET.

There were seven members of the committee in 2015-2016: Pauline Aranas, chair; Katrina Miller, vice-chair; Carol Bredemeyer; Michelle Cosby; Tina Dumas; Rachel Gordon; and Terry Long. Gail Warren serves as the Executive Board Liaison and Kim Rundle as the Staff Liaison. Pauline Aranas, Katrina Miller and Michelle Cosby served as the chair of a subcommittee responsible for one of the awards selected by the committee. Committee members each served on two subcommittees. Prior to the commencement of the nomination season, the chair worked with AALL staff to update all the award nomination forms available on AALLNET, particularly to ensure that the individual to whom nominations were to be submitted was correctly identified for each of the three awards.

The deadline for nominations for each of the awards was February 1, 2016. In addition to the numerous reminders which were regularly included in issues of the AALL E-Newsletter beginning in December, individual subcommittee chairs selectively notified appropriate AALL entities about the nomination process and deadline. The chair sent periodic reminders regarding AALL award procedures and deadlines to jury and committee chairs and asked the SIS Council chair to disseminate similar information on behalf of the committee.

After the February 1 deadline, subcommittee members worked efficiently to consider the nominations submitted for the award for which they were responsible. The goal is to complete the selection process and notify award recipients by mid-March. At the same time, jury chairs and chairs of other SISs that issue awards will complete the AALL Award Recipient Information form no later than April 1, 2016. The form, which is completed and submitted electronically, provides the information which serves as the basis for numerous activities, including the Awards brochure, Award plaque, E-News, Monthly News, AALL Spectrum announcement, signage at the Annual Meeting, and press releases.

Following the selection of the winners, the committee chair will work with AALL Headquarters staff, particularly Kim Rundle, to produce the Awards Brochure, plaques and other recognition and promotional material. In this capacity the chair also will work with the other award granting entities to ensure that Headquarters receives accurate information on all the AALL awards.

Chairs of the Andrews, Gallagher and Hall of Fame subcommittees will write articles for publication in the June 2016 issue of AALL Spectrum. In addition, committee members will prepare biographies for the new Hall of Fame members, which include the latest recipients of the Gallagher Award, using a template previously created for this purpose. These biographies will be added to the Hall of Fame inductees section of AALLNET.

During the Andrews award deliberation process, a number of issues arose regarding criteria. Over the remaining months, the committee plans to discuss the issues regarding the Andrews award criteria and other issues raised during the year. For example, at the start of the year, the committee received a request from outgoing president Holly Riccio to complete an evaluation of the AALL awards program. It was not feasible to undertake a full assessment and report out by the end of this summer, especially given this year's transition to AALL Award Juries. The committee will however discuss whether to offer a recommendation to the board regarding a full review of the AALL awards program. The committee will also review its current subcommittee structure and determine whether to make internal changes to improve deliberations.
Last year, the committee hosted a program at the annual meeting: “Gallagher Up Close and Personal: An Informal Conversation with the 2015 Recipients.” Given the positive reception and attendance, the committee will host another “Gallagher Up Close and Personal” program at the 2016 annual meeting.

**Proposed Activities for 2016-2017:**

In addition to its work on the three awards for which it remains responsible, the primary proposed activity for the committee in 2016-2017 is to review its work internally within the committee. The committee may also seek to review its work externally with AALL Headquarters staff and Executive Board members to establish and clarify the duties, goals, responsibilities, and procedures of the Awards Committee under the newly adopted structure.